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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: M. Ali
KENTARO MATSUMOTO et al.)
: Group Art Unit: 2177
Application No.: 09/651,293)
: Filed: August 30, 2000)
: For: RECORDING APPARATUS)
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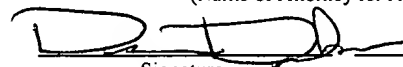
Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2003 for one month from December 22, 2003 to January 22, 2004.

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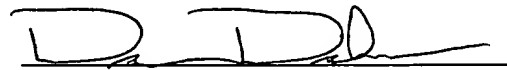
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Submitted herewith is a check for \$110 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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